GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SHAKUNTALA NARROW GAUGE PROJECT
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the future of Shakuntala the only narrow gauge British vintage trains running between Yavatmal and Murtayapur in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the details of measures taken up in the 150th year of Indian Railways to preserve such vintage trains in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) & (b) The narrow gauge section between Yavatmal and Murtayapur, in Maharashtra, is a private railway line owned by the Central Provinces Railways Company Limited.This line is worked by the Indian Railways in terms of an agreement entered into with the owning company which provides an option to the Central Government at an interval of every ten years, when a financial review is undertaken, to purchase the line. The next option falls due in the year 2006 when the matter will be examined afresh.